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Transportation Update

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CMA Releases Draft Countywide Transportation Plan for Comment

The CMA is in the process of updating its long-range transportation plan for Alameda County. This plan will form the basis for the Alameda County component of MTC's regional transportation plan. Four public outreach meetings were held in April, one each in Oakland, San Leandro, Union City and Dublin. Comments on the plan will be accepted . The Plan includes through an investment strategy totaling almost \$1.3 billion. Of this amount, 50% is devoted to maintenance and rehabilitation of the existing transit system and local roads. 23% is set aside for managing the system better and 20% for capacity expansion. By mode, the Plan allocates funds as follows:

- 58% transit
- 18% freeways and interchanges
- 19% local roads
- 5% other

Copies of the draft investment Plan are available at the CMA offices or on the website. The CMA will approve a final Plan by the end of May and submit it to MTC.

MTC Adopts State Funding List

CMA Adopts TFCA Program

Legislation

AB 2032 (Dutra) -- This bill grants the ACCMA, ACTIA and Santa Clara VTA the statutory authority to implement the I-680

Smart Lane project. The authority to implement the demonstration project is an objective of the CMA's approved 2004 Legislative Program. The CMA supports this bill.

SB 1210 (Torlakson) -- This bill extends the sunset date and expands the number of projects from 12 to 15 that Caltrans can deliver by utilizing a design-sequencing contract. Design sequencing is a method of contracting that enables the sequencing of design activities to permit each construction phase to commence when design is complete, rather than requiring design of the entire project prior to starting construction. The I-680 HOV lane project was one of the original 12 pilot projects, and benefited from the accelerated delivery schedule possible under design sequencing. In addition, this bill would allow Caltrans to designate a transportation authority or a congestion management agency as the lead agency to oversee a design-sequencing contract. This bill could assist with timely and costeffective implementation of projects. The CMA supports this bill.

SB 1443 (Murray) -- This bill would provide that all money in the Highway Users Tax Account and in the State Highway Account are continuously appropriated and may be encumbered regardless of whether a budget has been enacted. This bill would avert situations, such as the one that occurred last summer, when Caltrans could not make payments on projects under construction because a budget had not been enacted. The CMA supports this bill.

Deadlines to Note

2004 Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP) & 2005 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Final CWTP May 2004
Draft RTP December 2004
Final RTP January 2005

2004 State Transportation Improvement

Program (STIP)

CTC Adopts 2004 STIP August 2004

Upcoming Meetings

May 4 CMA Technical Advisory Committee

5 I-580 Policy Advisory Committee

10 CMA Administration & Legislation Committee

10 CMA Plans & Programs Committee

12/13 CTC (Sacramento)

27 CMA Board Meeting

June 1 CMA Technical Advisory
Committee

16/17 CTC (Los Angeles)

14 CMA Administration & Legislation Committee

14 CMA Plans & Programs Committee

24 CMA Board Meeting

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